



home affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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**HEAD OFFICE
REGIONAL OFFICES**

PORTS OF ENTRY

OPERATIONAL CENTRE

VISA APPLICATION CENTRES

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS & COOPERATION**

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CONSULAR SERVICES

IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE NO 19 OF 2016

VISA ADJUDICATION SYSTEM (VAS) CHANGES: REPLACEMENT OF “ISSUE DATE” WITH “VALID FROM” ON PRINTED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS ISSUED BY HOME AFFAIRS PERMITTING OFFICE IN PRETORIA

The Immigration Act, No.13 of 2002 stipulates that upon admission, a foreigner, who is not a holder of a permanent residence permit, may enter and sojourn in the Republic only if in possession of a visa issued by the Director-General for a prescribed period.


In order to ensure that the validity period granted for each category of a temporary residence visa is issued as prescribed by the Immigration Act, the Visa Adjudication System (VAS) of the Department of Home Affairs has been upgraded to ensure that the correct dates are allocated to the visa applicant.

With effect from the 01st of August 2016, all printed visa issued through VAS will now have the “Issue Date” replaced with “Valid From”. Adjudicators will now be required to capture the “Valid From” date manually into the system. Previously the system was calculating the validity period from the date of issue, which in most cases resulted in applicants being granted a shorter validity period than what they had applied for or as prescribed by the Immigration Regulations.

The “Valid From” date will enable adjudicators to capture a future date which should be the date after which the current visa that the applicant currently has in their passport expires. It is envisaged that this minor system change will reduce the administrative burden of having to rectify visas that are issued with incorrect dates. The visa issued with a “Valid From” validity date will only become valid on the date reflected on the visa.

Please see below a sample of the current printed visa and the new format of the printed visa.

CURRENT PRINTED VISA

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Control No. AA0044835 DHA-1635


STUDY VISA SECTION 13
TRR1748977
Ref No: PEB 32151/2016/TRVR

Name: HARTLEY BENJAMIN JAMES
Passport No: 512097595
No. of Entries: MULTIPLE
Issued at: HEAD OFFICE


VISA Expiry Date: 2019-12-31
On: 2016-06-20

Conditions:
(1) INSTITUTION: MUIR COLLEGE BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL
(2) COURSE: SECONDARY LEVEL


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NEW PRINTED VISA WITH CHANGES

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Control No. AA0057694 DHA-1635


CRITICAL SKILLS VISA SECTION 19(1)
TRC1779054
Ref No: JHB 12745/2016/TRVC

Name: KANUNGO ARTI
Passport No: K8779429
No. of Entries: MULTIPLE
Issued at: HEAD OFFICE

VISA Expiry Date: 2017-08-07
Valid From: 2016-08-08

Conditions:
(1) TO: SECURE EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 12 MONTHS IN THE CATEGORY MENTIONED ABOVE.
(2) COMPANY: N/A
(3) POSITION: SOFTWARE DEVELOPER
(4) TO SUBMIT CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT ON RENEWAL


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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

15/08/2016

This Immigration Directive follows Immigration Directive No.18 of 2016: "Visas in respect of specialists and researchers using Cape Town as corridor to and from Antarctica".